

REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 8TH NOVEMBER 2004
REPORT ON: REPLACEMENT FLIGHT CATERING VEHICLE FOR DUNDEE AIRPORT
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
REPORT NO.: 738-2004

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1. To request approval for the letting of a contract for the design and construction of a specialist flight catering vehicle for Dundee Airport.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. That a contract should be let to Keillor Coachbuilders Ltd, Arbroath, for the design, construction and supply of a flight catering vehicle for Dundee Airport, at a cost of £45,000.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1. The total cost of the project will be contained within the Airport Capital Programme for 2004/05.

4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1. None.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1. Substantial benefits to the working conditions of employees will be obtained by eliminating the manual lifting aspects of flight catering and by reducing exposure to severe weather.

6. REPORT

6.1. The provision of flight catering to aircraft at Dundee Airport requires the lifting of stock and containers between the kitchen and the delivery vehicle and between the delivery vehicle and the aircraft loading doors. The health and safety of the staff, the provision of an equal-opportunity environment and the protection of catering stock against the weather requires a catering vehicle of specialised lifting and loading capabilities

6.2. The current apron delivery vehicle has reached the end of its useful life and a proposal has therefore been included in the capital programme to procure a replacement.

6.3. Existing specialised vehicles in production for this purpose, even at the modest scale required for Dundee Airport, have a typical cost of £65,000 - £70,000. This is considered to be excessive in relation to the current requirements of Dundee Airport and an initiative has therefore been taken in conjunction with a coachbuilder to devise a bespoke solution for Dundee Airport's current needs at a significantly lower cost. However the specification has been drawn up so that the vehicle being proposed now will be capable of upgrading, at reasonable cost, to meet future needs if and when they arise.

6.4. Because the vehicle will have to be designed and built from scratch in close co-operation between the users and a contractor with the necessary expertise, it is advised that it would be impractical to put the project to competitive tender, and that it should be designed and built in co-operation with a reputable commercial vehicle coachbuilder who has a substantial track record in the production of bespoke vehicles.

6.5. It is therefore recommended that Keillor Coachbuilders Ltd, Arbroath should be awarded a contract to carry out the detailed design of such a vehicle in conjunction with Council Officers and then build, outfit and certificate the vehicle. The total cost of the project is £45,000.

7. **CONSULTATIONS**

7.1. The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and the Depute Chief Executive (Finance) have been consulted over the terms of this report.

8. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1. None.

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